GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF MPLAD SCHEME
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the guidelines in respect of utilisation of funds released under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Fund Scheme is not being implemented properly in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the complaints received from various Members of Parliament from Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the details of action taken so far in each case;

(d) whether orders regarding holding prescribed meetings of Members of Parliament and officers implementing the scheme under the Chairpersonship of Divisional Commissioner twice in a year are not being held as per guidelines; and

(e) if so, the action being taken against such Divisional Commissioners?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. However, there were some complaints with regard to non-implementation of MPLADS Guidelines. A list of complaints received from some Members of Parliament along with details of Action Taken by the Ministry is enclosed at Annexure-A.

(d) As per Para 6.3 of the Guidelines on MPLADS, a committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary/Development Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary is required to review MPLADS implementation progress with the District Authorities and MPs at least once a year. The Planning Department, Govt. of U.P. has intimated, since U.P. is a large State having 80 Lok Sabha Constituencies and 31 Rajya Sabha MPs, it has been decided that meetings will be organized at Division level twice a year in 15 Divisions. So far the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has received the details of meetings of the Divisional level Committees held in Faizabad, Bareilly and Kanpur Divisions.

(e) Since the District and Divisional Authorities are under the administrative control of the State Government action, if any, against State Govt. Officials has to be taken by the State Government.

Annexure-A

Annexure-A referred to in the Reply of part (a) to (c) to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2079 to be answered on 14th March, 2007

Lok Sabha
(1) Shri Shishram Singh Ravi, MP (LS) -Bijnore (UP) Lok Sabha Constituency:-

Complaint
Misappropriation of MPLADS fund of Rs. 1.24 crore for purchase of Computers for 48 Schools in Bijnore (UP).

Action Taken
The matter has been investigated by Commissioner, Moradabad and report submitted to Planning Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh. Principal Secretary, Planning was requested to apprise the Ministry of action taken by the Government of Uttar Pradesh against the offender supplier, namely M/s SRJ Software Ltd., Wazir Nagar and action taken for the recovery/recoupment of MPLADS fund from the offender supplier. Govt. of Uttar Pradesh is also taking action against the officers responsible.

(2) Shri Rajnaryan Budholiya, MP (LS)- Hamirpur (UP) Complaint
Seven `Swagat Dwars ` have been constructed at different specific places in his constituency out of MPLADS Fund of his predecessor ex-Lok Sabha Member of Parliament Shri Gangacharan Rajput and inscribed with the slogan which is creating confusion among the public.

Action Taken
DM, Hamirpur has stated that 03 Swagat Dwars were constructed in Mahoba district and 02 were constructed in Hamirpur district.

The Ministry has instructed DM, Hamirpur to remove the name of ex-MP (LS) immediately from these Swagat Dwars and to take action to recoup MPLADS Fund utilized for the construction of these Swagat Dwars, as the same is not permissible under MPLADS Guidelines. Government of Uttar Pradesh has also been requested to take disciplinary action against the officer found responsible for this.

(3) Shri Narendra Kumar Kushwaha, MP (LS)-LS Constituency, Mirzapur (UP)

Complaint
Holding of meeting of Chief Development Officer during session period under MPLAD Scheme.

Action Taken
Ministry had sought clarification from Planning Department, Govt. of U.P. That Department vide its letter dated 19.9.2006 has stated that they have issued necessary instructions to all District Magistrates not to hold any meeting on MPLAD Scheme during Parliament Sessions. They have regretted the matter.

(4) Shri Narendra Kumar Kushwaha, MP (LS)-LS Constituency, Mirzapur (UP)

Complaint
Delay in execution of MPLADS works by DM, Mirzapur and non-cooperative attitude of Chief Development Officer, Sant Ravidas Nagar, Bhadoli, Uttar Pradesh.

Action Taken
Shri Narendra Kumar Kushwaha, has been expelled from Lok Sabha on 23.12.2005. The State Govt. has been instructed that all works recommended by the expelled MP till the date of his expulsion may be executed, provided they conform to the MPLADS Guidelines.

(5) Shri Swami Chinmyanand, Ex-MP (LS)-Jaunpur Lok Sabha constituency.

Complaint
Non-release of Rs. 10 lakh of MPLADS Fund for the construction of the building of Jamia Monima Lil-Banat (Girls School), Jamia Nagar Sipah, Jaunpur.

Action Taken
Action Taken Report received from District Magistrate, Jaunpur vide his letter dated 22nd July 2006 states that the complete amount of Rs. 10 lakh of the project has been released to the Implementing Agency.

(6) Shri Mansoor Ali Khan, Ex-MP (LS))-Lok Sabha constituency, Saharanpur (UP).

Complaint
Mis utilization of MPLADS fund in District Saharanpur (U.P.) from the MPLADS funds of Shri Rashid Masood, Hon`ble MP (Lok Sabha).

Action Taken
Report dated 18.1.2007 received from DM, Saharanpur has been examined in the Ministry and found that no misappropriation of MPLADS fund was done during the execution of construction of Kharanja from Khera Afghan to Jajwa with estimated cost of Rs. 7 lakh and construction of two class rooms of Guru Nanak High School at village-Mahangi, bloc-Gangoah on the recommendation of Shri Rashid Masood, Hon`ble MP (LS). However, irregularity has been made in not observing the laid down procedure and the State Govt. has been instructed to take necessary action.

(7) Shri Ilyas Azmi MP (LS))-Lok Sabha constituency Sahabad (UP).

Complaint
Alleged that District Administration is asking for 10% of Stamp duty on formal agreement to be executed by the Society/Trust with District Authority in favour of Government in respect of works relating to Schools/Colleges.

Action Taken
Instructions have been issued to the District Magistrate, Hardoi vide Ministry`s letter dated 30.1.2006 that agreement be registered under the relevant Registration Act on a non-judicial stamp paper of Rs. 10 or more, as is applicable in the State/UT. No stamp duty would be required to be paid for registration as there is no formal transfer of assets.

(8) Shri Ilyas Azmi MP (LS))-Lok Sabha constituency Sahabad (UP).

Complaint
Misappropriation of MPLADS funds by deducting 10% of cost of the project and taking of 15% of the cost of work as commission by Government Agencies.

Action Taken
The Ministry has sought factual report in the matter.

Rajya Sabha

(9) Shri Vidya Niwas Mishra, ex MP (RS)

Complaint

Shri Mahendra Nath Yadav, President of Shiv Harsha Kishan College, Basti has alleged that Principal of the College is trying to misuse Rs. 15 lakh of the MPLADS fund recommended by Shri Vidya Niwas Mishra, ex MP (RS) for construction of multipurpose hall in the college under MPLAD Scheme.

Action Taken

The matter has been taken up with DM, Basti. Vide his report DM, Basti had selected PWD as implementing agency for the above work whereas Hon`ble MP was insisting on getting the work done through the Principal of the College or UP Project Corporation. The Guidelines on MPLADS gives the responsibility of deciding a `satisfactory` implementing agency to the Head of the District. As such, the request of the Hon`ble MP does not appear to conform to the instructions issued by this Ministry.